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Fish at Zink Ranch near Trimble Lane.

Peter

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**From:** Personal Address/Ex. 6

**Date:** August 10, 2015 at 10:03:47 PM MDT

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August 10, 2015,

All,

While I am a rancher by profession and my major was in business, I stayed awake in chemistry, geology, biology, and statistics. It seems logical that since we live downstream from a highly mineralized zone we likely live in an eco-zone which has probably somewhat adapted to the acidic nature of the water flowing in the Animas River for millions of years. While this latest incident is certainly a greatly more concentrated flow than we normally experience, it is not altogether out of the realm of past occurrences.

For over 60 years I have closely observed nearly ¾ mile of Animas River running along the east side of our Waterfall Ranch. Embedded are photos we took this evening (August 10, 2015) of baby fish, most likely suckers, that are along the bank of the river by the hundreds. This is encouraging to us. If these small, young, susceptible fish survived the recent episode, it might be that Mother Nature is be taking better care of herself than we first thought possible.

We are certainly looking forward to receiving good scientific analysis of both the concentration and duration of the extremely concentrated flow. This will be invaluable in developing both short term and long term plans to make the best of the bad situation that now exists.

Best Regards,

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